

# Gene Autry

in  
**BLUE MONTANA SKIES**

with  
**SMILEY BURNETT**



## Prologue

A GANG OF BENTNEVERS IS PERIODICALLY LOOTING THE CANADIAN TRADING POSTS, MURDERING WHOMSOEVER STANDS IN ITS WAY -- AND SMUGGLING THE STOLEN WOVENS FOR FUR BELTS INTO THE UNITED STATES.

THE MOUNTED POLICE AND THE BORDER OFFICIALS ARE FRANTIC BUT CAN DO NOTHING TO STOP THE CLEVERLY ARRANGED RINGS.



GENE AUTRY AND HIS MEN MAKE CAMP NEAR THE BORDER ON ONE OF THEIR REGULAR TRIPS INTO THE CANADIAN NORTH-WEST WHERE THEY SELL THEIR CATTLE.



STEVE, DICKY MARSHALL GENE'S PARTNER, WANTS TO GO ON AHEAD TO THE BORDER TO FILL OUT THE CUSTOMS PAPERS. GENE WARNS HIM ABOUT THE SMUGGLERS....



SMUGGLERS--AH--I CAN TAKE CARE OF 'EM!!

BUT ON HIS WAY--STEVE HAS A RUN-IN WITH THE FUR RAIDERS... GENE AND DICK FIND HIM--DEAD.... HE LIVED LONG ENOUGH TO CARVE THE INITIALS "H-H" ON A STONE.



WE'LL SURE MISS HIM, GENE!

TAKE CARE OF HIM, PRO. I'M GONNA FIND OUT THE MEANING OF THIS DOUBLE H BRAND!

# BLUE MONTANA SKIES

WHILE SCOUTING AROUND, GENE SEES THE STATION WAGON OF THE H-H RODEO RANCH SPEEDING DOWN THE ROAD. FOLLOWING A HUNCH, HE GALLOPS AFTER IT.

HEY--WHA! MINUTE!



THE DRIVER OF THE CAR IS A GIRL, WHO REFUSES TO GIVE HIM ANY INFORMATION.

HOWEVER, GENE DISCOVERS THAT THE H-H RANCH IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY HENDRICKS, (BARRY WOODS) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DOROTHY HAMILTON (GAIL STORM) WHO (RE)VISITED HER LAMB FROM HER FATHER.

GENE BELIEVES THAT THE H-H RANCH MUST HAVE SOME CONNECTION WITH THE AIR SMUGGLING CASE, AND HE IS DETERMINED TO BRING VENGEANCE ON THE MURDERERS OF HIS FRIEND STEVE..



GENE, THEREFORE, WITH THE HELP OF HIS MEN SEPARATE THEIR CATTLE, MIXING THEIR HERDS WITH THE H-H CATTLE, SO THAT THEY ARE OBLIGED TO STAY AT THE H-H RANCH.

IT'LL TAKE A WEEK TO SEPARATE 'EM!



AT THE RANCH--FRANK'S DETECTIVE WORK IS HAMPERED BY A LITTLE BART, WILBUR POTTER (ROBERT WINGLER)

STICK 'EM UP, MOUTH!

YOU BIG LUMPKIN! DON'T YOU HIT MY SON J!



HENDRICKS INTRODUCES GENE TO DOROTHY. SHE DOES NOT REVEAL THAT SHE HAS ALREADY MET HIM NOR THAT SHE SUSPECTS THAT HE ENGINEERED THE MIXTURE AS AN EXCUSE TO SPY ON THEM.



LATER-- GENE IS AWARE THAT HENDRICKS HAS A MYSTERIOUS VISITOR. ... HE SLIPS INTO AN ADJOINING OFFICE AND LISTENS TO THE CONVERSATION... HIS SUSPICIONS ARE CONFIRMED ... HENDRICKS IS MAKING A DEAL TO SELL WHITE FOX PELTS! BUT GENE IS ALMOST DISCOVERED!

HE QUICKLY GOES INTO THE LOBBY, GRABS FRANK--AND GOES SING LUSTILY TO MRS. POTTER'S ACCOMPANIMENT.



MRS POTTER INVITES GENE TO DINE AT THE MAGNIFICENT PARTY TO BE HELD THAT EVENING. SHE MANEUVRES TO PUT ON A SPECIAL ACT--DRESS THRAWING--AND SHE WANTS FRANK TO BE THE TARGET!

WHILE WAITING UNTIL HE HAS ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO BRING THE SMUGGLERS TO JUSTICE, GENE BECOMES BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH DOROTHY AND IS FULL-LED ON HER AFFILIATION WITH THE PESTERBOSS.

THERE ARE SOME THINGS I WISH TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT, MR. HENRICKS.

ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO FOR A LONG RIDE.



AS THEY SIT BY THE SIDE OF A POOL AT A DISTANT PART OF THE RANCH, DOROTHY REVEALS THAT SHE IS EXTREMELY WORRIED ABOUT MYSTERIOUS HAPPENINGS AT THE RANCH.... MEANWHILE, HENRICKS HAS BECOME SUSPICIOUS OF GENE AND HAS SENT TWO OF HIS HENCHMEN TO KILL HIM!



THE SMUGGLERS FIRE AT GENE -- BUT HE HAD SEEN THEIR MOVEMENTS, AND IS READY FOR THEM!



BEFORE HE CAN CAPTURE HIS ASSAILANTS, DOROTHY'S HORSE, FRIGHTENED BY THE SHOTS, RUNS AWAY. GENE IS OBLIGED TO FOLLOW AND SAVE HER!



THIS CONFINED INTERACTION CAUSES GENE TO BELIEVE THAT SHE'S AN ACCOMPLICE, BUT DOROTHY CORRECTS HIM THAT SHE DID NOT RELUCTANTLY LEAD HIM INTO THE TRAP.



MEANWHILE, FROG STEALS THE WOODEN INDIAN STANDING NEAR THE RANCH AND HIS GUERROLES IN ITS PLACE IN ORDER TO SPY ON THE SMUGGLERS.



LITTLE WALBUR RECOGNIZES HIM AND SUGGESTS TO THE MAN TRIMMING UP THE RANCH FOR THE PARTY TO ATTACH THE DECORATIONS TO THE "WOODEN INDIAN"!



MUCH TO THE MAN'S SURPRISE, THE "WOODEN INDIAN" RUNS AWAY. BUT, WHILE IN DISGUISE, FROG HAS LEARNED THAT THE STOLEN FOX PELTS WERE SMUGGLED INTO THE BORDER IN A FALSE-BOTTOMED WAGON...THE LOOT IS NOW IN THE RANCH TRUNK ROOM.



BY THIS TIME HENDRICKS KNOWS THAT GENE AND PROL ARE WISE TO HIS OPERATIONS...HIS FIRST PLAN TO MURDER GENE FAILS. HE HAS ANOTHER SCHEME...HE CAPTURES PROL, COSTUME AND ALL. THEN ONE OF HIS MEN IN PROL'S COSTUME LURES GENE INTO THE STORE ROOM...



MEANWHILE, WITH PROL'S LIFE AT STAKE--GENE IS FORCED TO HELP THE SMUGGLERS WHO ARE ON THEIR WAY TO PICK UP ANOTHER LOAD OF FURS.



THUS THEY PASS INTO CANADA IN GENE'S WAGON WITHOUT AROUSING SUSPICION...AND...ARRIVING AT THEIR DESTINATION, THE EMPIRE WAREHOUSE, HENDRICKS COMPLETES HIS BUSINESS TRANSACTION.





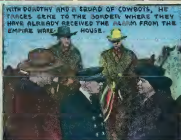
GENE ATTEMPTS  
AN ESCAPE—BUT  
IS SHOT AND  
LEFT AT THE  
WAREHOUSE,  
WHILE HENDRICKS  
AND HIS MEN  
LEAVE.

WHEN GENE  
RECOVERS CONSCIOUS-  
NESS, HE TURNS ON  
THE SURREAL  
ALARM, AND....



...FOLLOWS IN THE TRACKS OF  
THE SMUGGLERS IN SPITE OF HIS  
WOUND.

MEANWHILE  
FRAG, WHILE  
HELD CAP-  
TIVE AT THE  
RANCH,  
UPSETS A  
TABLE ON  
WHICH A  
HEADLAMP  
LAMP IS  
BURNING...  
  
THE RESULT-  
ING FIRE  
BRINGS  
THE RANCH  
GUESTS TO  
HIS HELP.



WITH DOROTHY AND A SQUAD OF COWBOYS, HE  
PACES GENE TO THE BORDER WHERE THEY  
HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THE ALARM FROM THE  
EMPIRE WAREHOUSE.



WHILE FRAG AND THE  
REINFORCEMENTS HURD  
TO GENE'S AID, GENE  
HAS STARTED AN AVAL-  
ANCHE TO BLOCK THE  
ESCAPE OF THE SMUG-  
GLERS.



THE SMUGGLERS ARE CAPTURED  
AND BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.....  
GENE'S OLD PARTNER'S DEATH IS  
AVENGED.



WELL, FRAG, WE WON'T HAVE TO SEPA-  
RATE MY CHITLIE FROM DOROTHY'S --  
SHE'S GOING TO BE MY PARTNER—FOR  
LIFE!

THE  
END

# SCREEN

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**ED SULLIVAN-**  
FAMOUS HOLLYWOOD COLUMNIST,  
WROTE THE STORY AND HAS  
A FEATURED PART IN  
"BIG TOWN FORD"



**GENE  
AUTRY-**

WHOSE POLAROID OF BOB HOPE IS ONE OF  
THE LARGEST IN THE MOVIE COLONY--  
RECEIVED A LOOSELY LETTER FROM AN  
ADDRESS IN ADELPHI, MONTANA, IT WAS  
ADDRESSED TO PUBLIC CONVENT NUMBER  
ONE, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA... IT  
WAS PROMPTLY DELIVERED !!

**TOM BROWN**  
LOST IN THE FANES OF  
AN INTERSCHOOLISTIC BOWLING  
TOURNAMENT BECAUSE A  
GIRL AT THE BOWLING HALL  
AT HIM AND HE PROMPT  
TO QUIT !!!



**BARTON  
MALLANE**  
WAS CAPTAIN OF  
THE FOOTBALL AND  
BASKETBALL TEAMS  
WHEN HE ATTENDED  
MCKEYMAN COLLEGE.



**JOHN MACK BROWN -**  
POPULAR MCKEYMAN STAR, WHOSE LATEST PICTURE IS  
"THE GORILLON TEAM," WAS AN ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALL  
STAR WHILE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA--HE WAS  
THE HERO OF THE 1921 HIGH SCHOOL GAME WHEN HE  
CROUCHED ONE OF THE LONGEST PASSES EVER KNOWN TO  
ENABLE HIS TEAM TO DEFEAT HOUSTONIAN, 7-6 !!



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# Gene Autry in "IN OLD MONTEREY"

with SMILEY BURNETT



THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ORDERS RESIDENTS OF THE COLBY BASIN DISTRICT TO EVACUATE BY JULY SIXTEENTH BECAUSE OF CONFISCATION OF THE TERRITORY FOR MILITARY PROVING GROUNDS...



THE RESENTMENT OF THE RANCHERS IN THIS DISTRICT IS THOROUGHLY AROUSED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ARMY

SAY, I DON'T WANT TO MOVE OUTTA HERE ... I SETTLED IN THESE PARTS WHEN THE INJUNS WERE STILL RUNNIN' AROUND LOOSE, AH' I DON'T AIM TO LEAVE NOW!



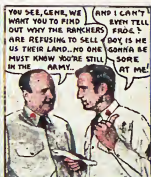
MEANWHILE, AT CAMP RANDALL, ARMY HEADQUARTERS NEARBY, SERGEANT GENE AUTRY, HIS CHUM FROG, AND SEVERAL OTHERS FIND THAT THEIR TERM OF SERVICE HAS EXPIRED...

WE'RE ALL LEAVIN' THE ARMY AND GOIN' BACK TO PUNCHIN' COWS, GENE... WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?





AFTER GENE PERSONATES HIS BUDDIES TO SIGN UP FOR ANOTHER THREE YEARS, HE IS CALLED BEFORE HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER AND TOLD THAT INSTEAD OF RE-ENLISTING HE IS BEING SENT OUT TO COLBY AS A RANCHER!



WHEN GENE LEAVES, HIS BUDDIES WANT TO GO WITH HIM... THEY START A FIGHT IN A CABARET, THINKING THAT IF THEY MIS-BEHAVE, THEY'LL BE THROWN OUT OF THE ARMY...



INSTEAD, THEY ARE GIVEN THIRTY DAYS IN THE GUARD HOUSE... GENE, HOWEVER INTERCEDES FOR THEM, AND THEY ARE RELEASED AND SENT TO GENE TO HELP HIM ON HIS ASSIGNMENT...



ARRIVING IN COLBY AS A RANCHER, GENE MAKES THE ACQUAINTANCE OF JILL WHITTAKER, WHO RUNS THE TOWN POST-OFFICE...



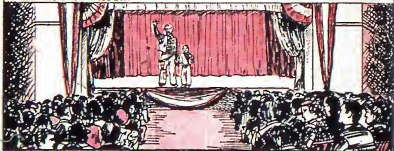
HUNTLEY STEVENSON, PRESIDENT OF THE ATLAS BORAX CO. WANTS TO KEEP THE RANCHERS STIRRED UP AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT SO THAT PUBLIC SENTIMENT WILL FORCE A LARGER PRICE FOR THE MINE

ONE MORNING, NOT LONG AFTER GENE'S ARRIVAL, A PLANE BEARING THE ARMY INSIGNIA, FLIES DANGEROUSLY LOW AND STARTS A CATTLE STAMPEDE...





LITTLE JIMMY WHITTAKER, JILL'S BROTHER, IS INJURED AS A RESULT OF THE STAMPEDE, AND THAT EVENING, THE TOWNSFOLK HOLD A MEETING TO DETERMINE WHAT ACTION TO PURSUE...



GENE CHECKS WITH ARMY HEADQUARTERS AND LEARNS THAT IT WAS NOT AN ARMY PLANE THAT HAD STARTED THE STAMPEDE...



MEANWHILE, AT THE MEETING, STEVENSON IS MAKING THE BEST OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO STIR UP THE PEOPLE...



GENE ARRIVES AT THIS POINT AND INTERRUPTS...

JUST A MINUTE... I FOUND OUT THAT IT WASN'T AN ARMY PLANE THAT DID IT!



GENE GIVES THE TOWNSFOLK A TALK ON AMERICANISM AND THE VALUE OF THE ARMY AT THIS TIME... FROG PASSES OUT FLAGS AND PRETTY SOON THE WHOLE CONGREGATION IS WAVING THEM PATRIOTICALLY!



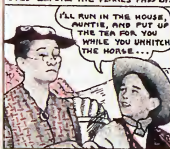
GENE LEADS THEM OFF INTO "COLUMBIA, THE GEM OF THE OCEAN", AND EVEN STEVENSON JOINS IN, AFTER A LITTLE GENTLE PERSUASION FROM FROG...



# IN OLD MONTEREY

BUT THE NEXT DAY STEVENSON'S MEN PLANT EXPLOSIVES IN THE WHITTAKER HOUSE THINKING NO ONE IS HOME. HE HAS PLANNED TO SET OFF THE FUSE JUST AS THE ARMY PLANES PASS OVERHEAD, SO THAT IT WILL LOOK LIKE A BOMB ...

LITTLE JIMMY IS DRIVING HOME WITH HIS AUNT JUST A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE PLANES PASS BY.



OKAY...THERE GO THE PLANES... LET HER GO! RIGHT.



THE HOUSE IS BLOWN UP AND POOR JIMMY IS KILLED.



WHAT HAPPENED HERE ? YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, AUNTIE! STEVENSON JUST TOLD US WHO YOU ARE ... YOU'RE FROM THE ARMY. WE'LL GIVE YOU THREE HOURS TO GET OUTTA TOWN!



PUZZLED BY THE TURN OF EVENTS, GENE DOESN'T LEAVE, BUT STOPS TO DO A LITTLE DETECTIVE WORK

BY CHECKING TIRE TRACKS HE DISCOVERS THAT IT WAS STEVENSON'S MEN WHO HAVE PLANTED THE DYNAMITE.

NOW WE'RE GETTING SOMEWHERE!



MEANWHILE, THE RANCHERS ARE INFLAMMATED BEYOND PACIFICATION AND PREPARE BLOCKADES TO PREVENT THE ARMY FROM ENTERING THE TOWN...



GENE AND FROG BREAK INTO THE ATLAS BORAX COMPANY'S OFFICE AND FIND PAPERS TO PROVE THAT IT WAS STEVENSON WHO BLEW UP THE WHITTAKER HOME...



JUST AS THEY ARE LEAVING, THEY ARE SPOTTED BY STEVENSON AND HIS FOREMAN...



FROG, MEANWHILE, RIDES TO THE ARMY POST AND GENE GOES TO THE RANCHERS. GENE SHOWS THEM THE EVIDENCE HE FOUND AND CONVINCES THEM OF STEVENSON'S DUPLICITY...



THE RANCHERS ATTACK THE BORAX MINE, BUT STEVENSON'S MEN ARE PREPARED AND THEY ARE DRIVEN BACK...



SUDDENLY, FROG SHOWS UP IN AN ARMORED TANK AND WHEN JOINED BY GENE, THE TWO OF THEM WIPE OUT THE CROOKED MINERS SINGLE-HANDED.



THE RANCHERS SELL THEIR LAND TO THE GOVERNMENT, AND GENE'S WORK IS DONE...



WELL, FROG. WHAT DO YOU SAY WE RE-ENLIST IN UNCLE SAM'S ARMY?

SAY, Y'KNOW, GENE... I WAS JUST GONNA ASK YOU THAT MYSELF!

